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(54) **Use of ionic cloud point modifiers to prevent particle aggregation during sterilization.**

(57) A composition comprising nanoparticles having a surface modifier adsorbed on the surface thereof and an anionic or cationic surfactant as a cloud point modifier associated therewith, which cloud point modifier is present in an amount sufficient to increase the cloud point of the surface modifier, and methods of making such nanoparticles are described. A preferred surface modifier is tyloxapol, preferred anionic surfactants are dioctylsulfosuccinate, sodium dodecyl sulfate and sodium oleate and preferred cationic surfactants are dodecyltrimethylammonium bromide, tetradecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide and cetyltrimethylammonium bromide.

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